



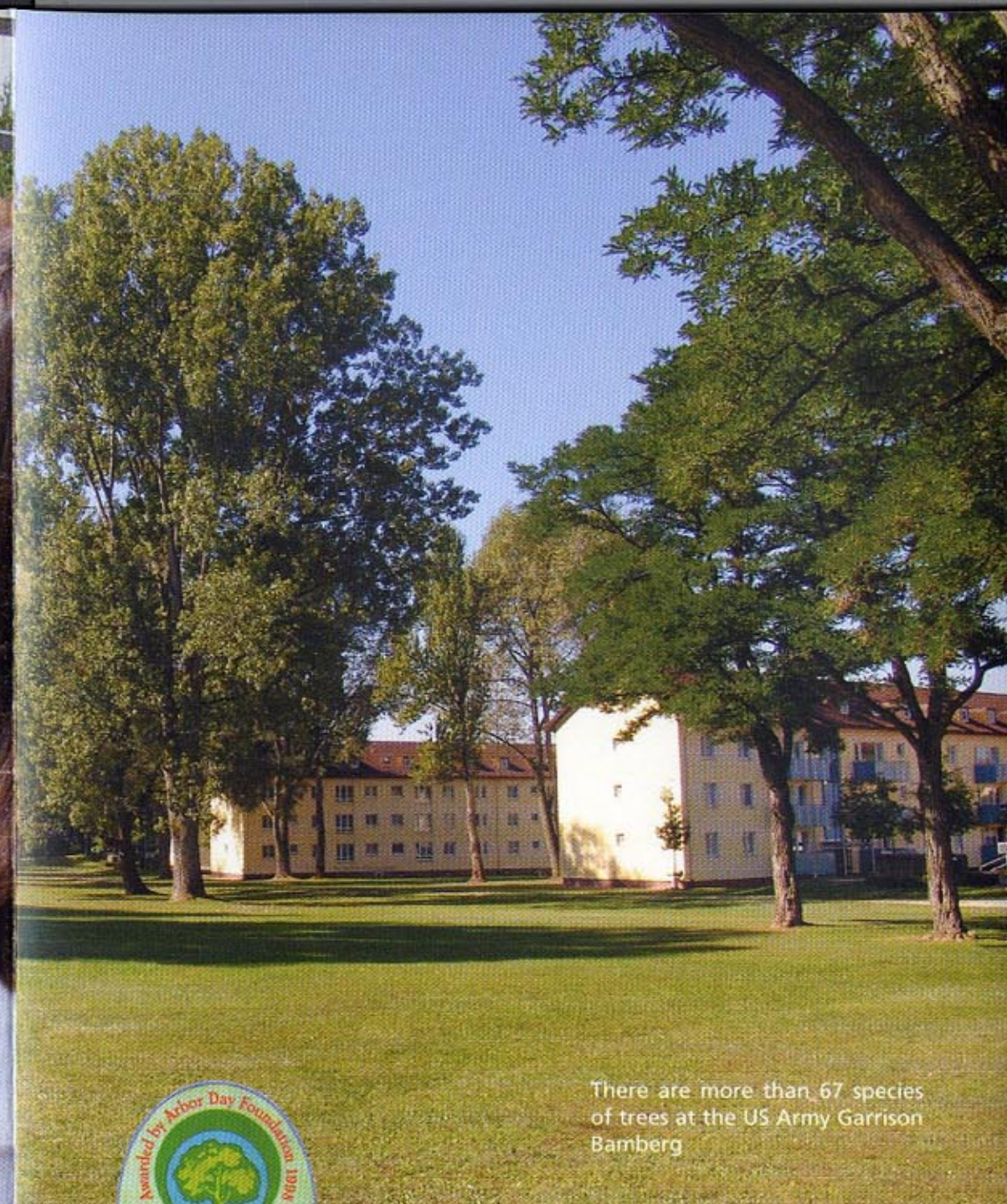
Outdoor-fun at the Earth Day



Traditional tree planting with the Garrison Kindergarten 2003

ACTIVITIES

To raise the public awareness of environmental concerns, we have established some fixed events, where both children and adults are invited for information and exciting activities. The annual Earth Day is realized together with the Bamberg Elementary School. On this special day we organize exhibitions, lectures and a tree planting. Other participants are the City of Bamberg, the U.S. Fire Department, German officials of forest management, nature conservation association and a German school.



There are more than 67 species of trees at the US Army Garrison Bamberg



TREE-CITY

The tree inventory contains informations about location and condition of the 5,500 trees at the US Army Garrison. Dead trees, that have to be cut for the safety of traffic are also held in the inventory. The US Army Garrison Bamberg was the first community outside the U.S. to receive the Tree-City-Award for the tree management by the Arbor Day Foundation.

Contact us for more information:

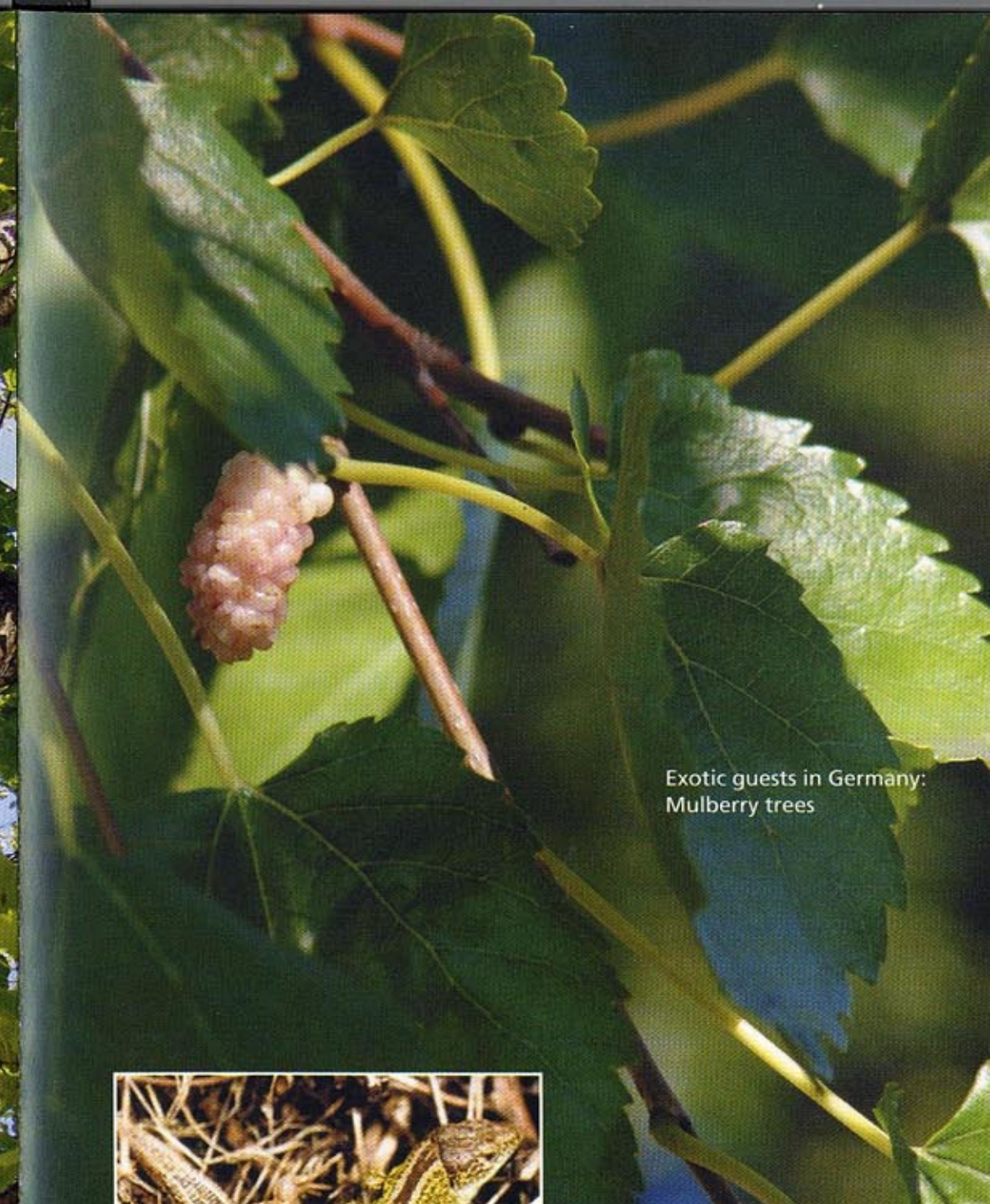
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LIFE AROUND US

NATURE CONSERVATION AND ECOLOGY

AT US ARMY GARRISON BAMBERG



Exotic guests in Germany: Mulberry trees



Endangered: The Sand Lizard

AWARENESS

We are a part of nature and we take it for granted in everyday life – such in a way, that we don't even recognize it. But there is a lot to discover – i.e. the mulberry trees at US Army Garrison. These rare exotics were planted in the early fourties to breed Silk Caterpillars for the production of parachutes. Besides admiring the beauty of our natural environment, we all are given the responsibility for preserving it. To create a stronger consciousness for the life around us, the Environmental Office at US Army Garrison is engaged in various environmental issues and projects, such as collecting important data about endangered species, longtime observations and building recreation areas and conserving biotopes.

BIOTOPES

Life is versatile. Even in inconspicuous areas, special biotopes can be found. Especially at the US Army Garrison area, which is used for military training since decades, a unique biodiversity was conserved. To preserve these special places and their endangered inhabitants our division is conducting several projects. As one of our main objectives is the support of biodiversity, we are i.e. monitoring the so-called „dry sandy grass-land“ at the Muna and the Airfield, where rare grasshoppers and the Blue Silver Grass can be found. To restore the natural habitat for the original plants and animals, we introduced a creek at the Airfield from its concrete pipe. As we could see recently, the re-settlement has already started.



Rare Blue Silver Grass at the Airfield

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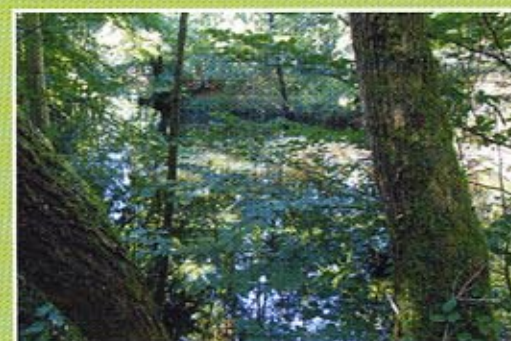
SURVEYS + STUDIES



The Meadow Pipit

- Surveying and mapping of biotopes, endangered species, vascular plants, plant societies and animals.
- Conservation of biotopes.
- Survey of the water quality similar to the European Water Directive.
- Administration of the tree inventory of more than 5,500 trees at the US Army Garrison.

We are measuring the air quality by mapping the variety of lichens



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The Chestnut Tree



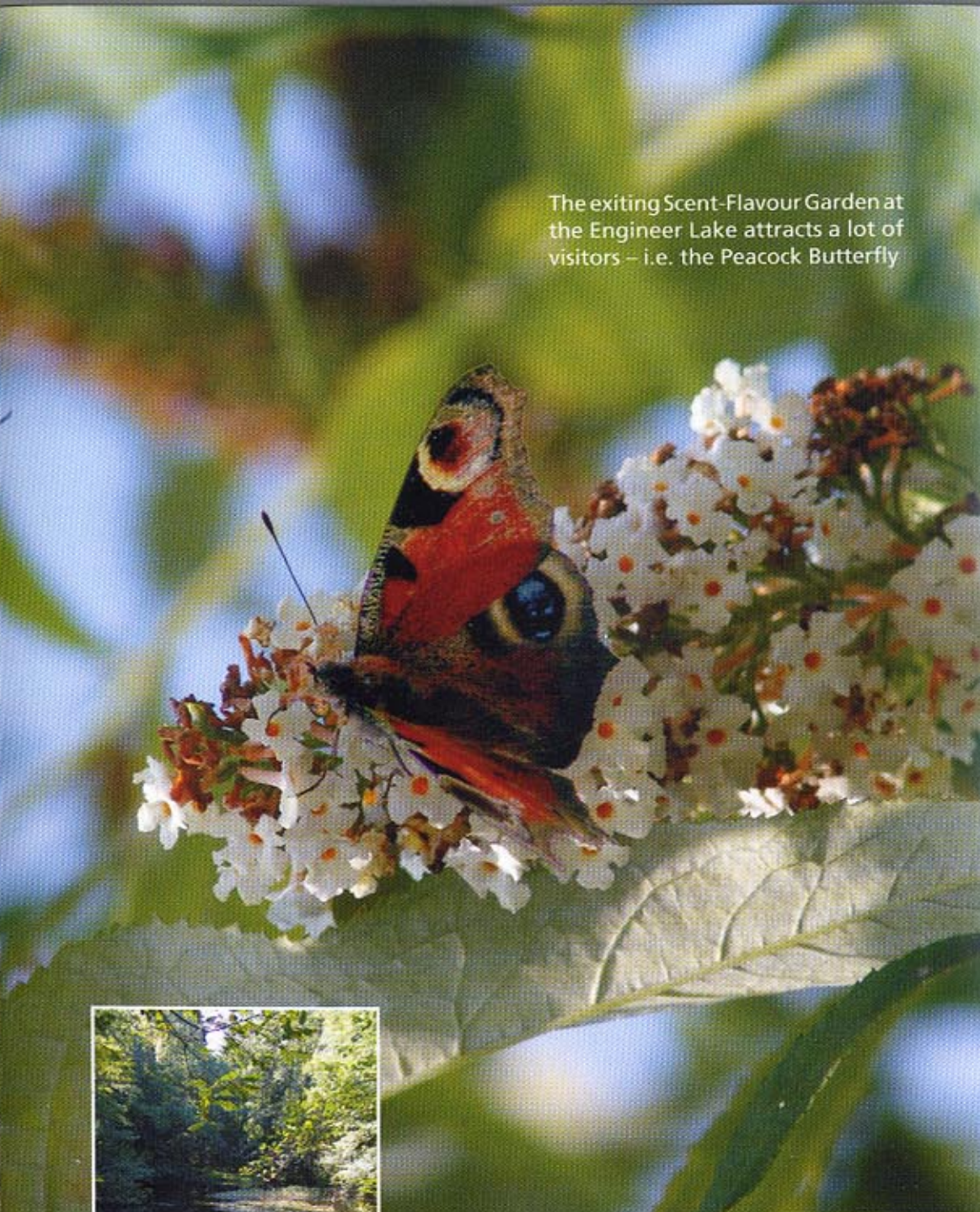
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Local Training Area at the US Army Garrison Bamberg – a great deal of forest and three little lakes

observation is required to gain significant data. For a high degree of transparency, statistics, figures and facts have to be collected and maintained by a Geographic Information System (GIS). This system enables us to monitor every change of the environment in our surroundings.

The exiting Scent-Flavour Garden at the Engineer Lake attracts a lot of visitors – i.e. the Peacock Butterfly

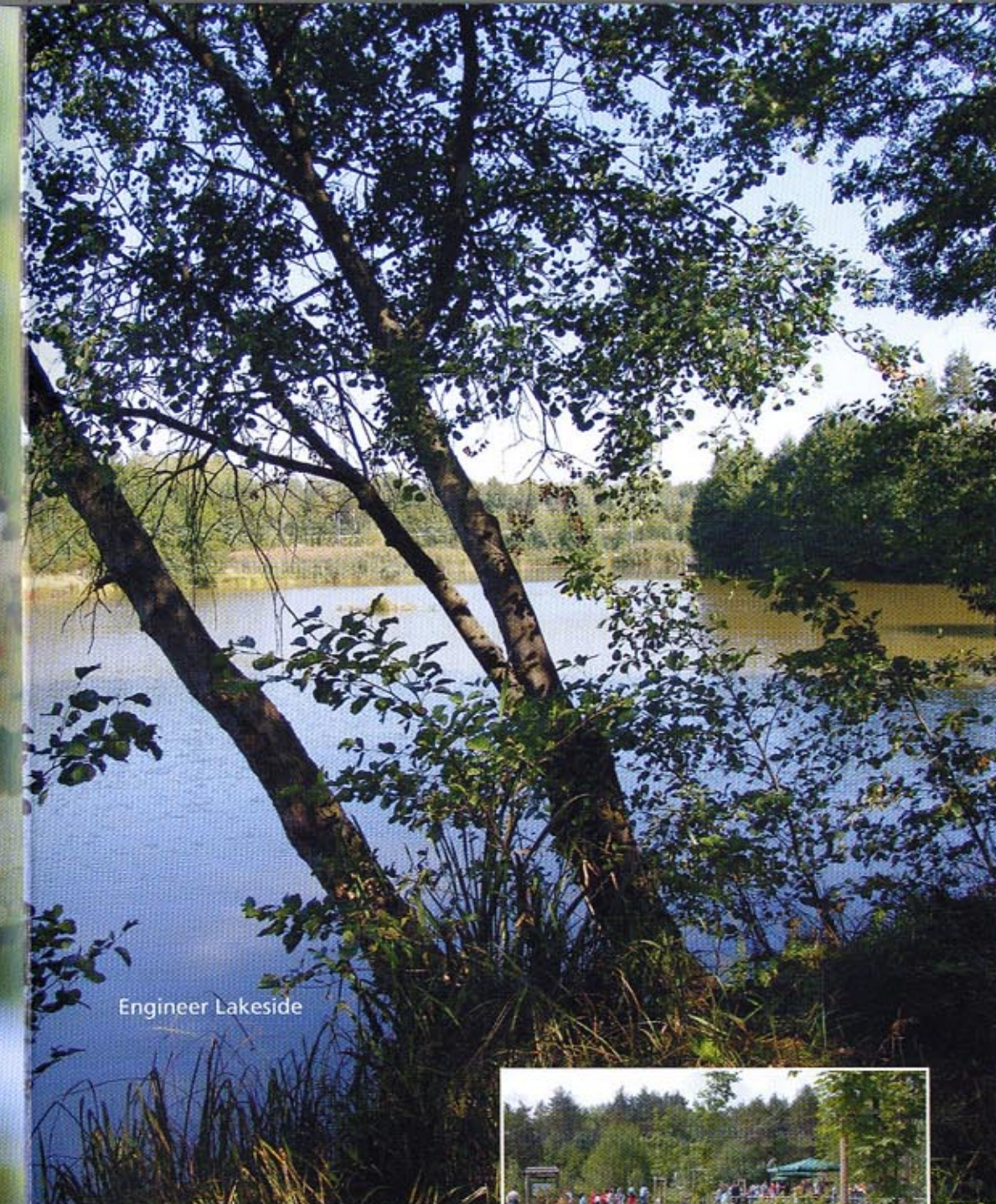


RECREATION AREA

Ecological consciousness and a sustainable lifestyle lay the foundations for nature's health. We all can benefit from this. For example at the beautiful recreation area next to the engineer lake, people can relax and experience our environmental activities close to nature.



Engineer Lakeside



The Recreation Area offers information, adventure areas and a Scent-Flavour Garden